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## **REMARKS**

Claims 10-17, 22, and 24-38 were pending in the application. Claims 11-15, 22, 25, 28-32, 35, and 37 have been amended. Claims 10, 24, 26, 27, 36, and 38 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 11-17, 22, 25, 28-35, and 37 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is requested for at least the reasons that follow.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 16 and 33 are allowed.

Claims 11-15, 17, 22, and 25 have been amended to depend from claim 16. Claims 28-32, 34, 35 and 37 have been amended to depend from claim 33. Thus, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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